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SUBJ: PRIME MINISTER NAMES CABINET

1. THE PRIME MINISTER NAMED THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS TO THE FOURTH PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT ON MARCH 25 AFTER CONSULTING WITH PRESIDENT COSTA GOMES:
MINISISTERS WITHOUT PORTFOLIO:

--CUNHAL, DR. ALVARO BARREIRINHAS- CIVILIAN. SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY; CUNHAL HAS BEEN IN EACH GOVERNMENT SINCE THE COUP.

--MOTA, DR. JOAQUIM JORGE MAGALHAES--CIVILIAN. ONE OF THE THREE FOUNDERS OF THE PPD, AND MEMBER OF ITS POLITICAL COMMITTEE. HE WAS ALSO MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO IN THE PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT, AND MINISTER FOR INTERNAL AFFAIRS IN THE FIRST POST-COUP GOVERNMENT.

--MOURA, DR. FRANCISCO JOSE CRUZ PEREIRA DA -CIVILIAN. ON THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE FELLOW-TRAVELING MDP, AND MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO IN THE PALMA CARLOS GOVERNMENT. AGE 49, HE IS AN ECONOMIST BY TRAINING WITH A GREAT DEAL OF EXPERIENCE AS A PROFESSOR. HE SERVED THE CORPORATIVE STATE AS A MEMBER OF THE CORPORATIVE CHAMBER IN THE 1960S. FOR THE LAST FEW YEARS HE HAS BEEN ON THE PORTUGUESE AFFILIATE OF THE WORLD PEACE COUNCIL. SINCE HIS DEPARTURE FROM THE GOVERNMENT HE HAS BEEN AN UNOFFICIAL ADVISOR AND CONFIDANT OF THE PRIME MINISTER, AND A CONSULTANT TO MAGALHAES MOTA ON REGIONAL ECONOMIC PLANNING. HE VISITED THE US ON A LEADER GRANT IN 1973.

--SOARES, DR. MARIO ALBERTO NOBRE LOPES-CIVILIAN. SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY, AND MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN THE PREVIOUS THREE GOVERNMENTS.

--MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS:
ANTUNES, MAJOR ERNESTO AUGUSTO DE MELO-MILITARY.. AGE 41, MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO IN THE PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT AND DRAFTER OF THE RECENT GOVERNMENT ECONOMIC PLAN. HE WAS ONE OF ORIGINAL CONSPIRATORS BEHIND APRIL 25 COUP, AND DRAFTER OF FIRST OUTLINE OF AFM PROGRAM. A CDE ACTIVIST IN THE AZORES IN YEARS BEFORE THE COUP, HE IS CONSIDERED TO HAVE MODERATED HIS VIEWS SINCE ENTERING THE GOVERNMENT AS A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF STATE IN MAY
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1974. ALTHOUGH AN INTELLECTUAL MARXIST AND PROPONENT OF INDEPENDENT PORTUGUESE FOREIGN POLICY. HIS RECENT RECORDS SHOWS HIM TO BE PRAGMATIC AND FLEXIBLE IN HIS HANDLING OF PROBLEMS. ANTUNES WAS ONE OF THE MAIN DECOLONIZATION NEGOTIATORS IN PREVIOUS GOVERNMENTS. WE BELIEVE HIM TO BE CLOSEST POLITICALLY TO THE SOCIALIST PARTY. HE HAS BEEN OPEN AND FRIENDLY IN CONTACTS WITH THE EMBASSY.

--MINISTER FOR PLANNING AND ECONOMIC COORDINATION:

MURTEIRA, DR. MARIO LUIS DA SILVA-CIVILIAN, AGE 41. ALTHOUGH REFERRED TO AS AN INDEPENDENT BY THE PRIME MINISTER, HE IS MDP IN ALL BUT ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP. HE WAS MINISTER OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS IN THE PALMA CARLOS GOVERNMENT. AN ECONOMIST BY TRAINING, HE HAS TAUGHT AT THE LISBON ECOMICS FACULTY IN THE PAST, AND WORKED FOR THE PREVIOUS REGIME AS ECONOMIC CONSULTANT AND DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST. MURTEIRA IS CLOSE TO PRIME MINISTER GONCAVLES AND WAS ONE OF HIS CLOSET ECONOMIC ADVISORS DURING THE LAST FEW MONTHS. ON MARCH 13, MURTEIRA WAS APPOINTED A VICE GOVERNOR OF THE BANK OF PORTUGAL. HE HAS WORKED CLOSELY WITH ENG. JOAO CARVINHO IN THE PAST.

--MINISTER OF FINANCE:

FRAGOSO, ENG. JOSE JOAQUIM-CIVILIAN. A MEMBER OF THE MDP, AND AN ADMINISTRATOR OF THE DEVELOPMENT BANK.

--MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE:

BATISTA, ENG. GERNANDO OLIVEIRA-CIVILIAN. WE UNDERSTAND FROM A HIGH-LEVEL PPD SOURCE THAT HE IS A PROFESSOR AT THE SORBONNE IN FRANCE AND A PCP MEMBER OF SYMPATHIZER. NO OTHER INFO AVAILABLE.

--MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY:

CRAVINHO, ENG. JOAO CARDONA GOMES--CIVILIAN, AGE 38. A CIVIL ENGINEER WITH A PHD FROM OXFORD. HIS CAREER SPECIALITY HAS BEEN IN INDUSTRIAL PLANNING. HE IS CURRENTLY AN INDUSTRIAL PLANNING CONSULTANT TO THE OECD. FORMERLY A MEMBER OF THE LEFT SOCIALIST MOVEMENT (MES), HE QUIT THAT PARTY PRIOR TO ITS LAST CONGRESS, DISAGREEING WITH ITS PRONOUNCED SHIFT TOWARDS THE COMMUNIST PARTY. ALTHOUGH HE IS A LEFTIST, HE IS FRIENDLY TO US AND CAN BE EXPECTED TO BE MODERATE AND PRAGMATIC IN HIS APPROACH. (FACT THAT HE HAS MASTERS IN ECONOMICS FROM YALE
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SHOULD NOT BE HELD AGAINST HIM.)

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--MINISTER OF DEFENSE:

RIBEIRO, CAPT. SILVANO-MILITARY, AGE 42. A CAREER NAVAL

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OFFICER WHO HAS HELD KEY STAFF POSITIONS BOTH IN THE NAVY AND
IN THE GOVERNMENT. APPOINTED CHIEF OF CABINET TO THE CHIEF
OF THE NAVAL STAFF SHORTLY AFTER THE 1974 COUP. ON OCTOBER 8,
1974 HE REPLACED ADMIRAL ROSA COUNTINHO ON THE NATIONAL
SALVATION JUNTA WHILE COUTINHO WAS ACTING HIGH COMMISSIONER IN
ANGOLA. WHILE ON THE JUNTA HE HEADED UP THE COMMITTEE FOR THE
EXTINCTION OF THE PIDE, CHARGED WITH PREPARING INDICTMENTS
AGAINST FORMER POLITICAL POLICE. ON COUTINHO'S RETURN TO

LISBON IN FEB. 1975, RIBEIRO RELINQUISHED HIS JUNTA POST TO BECOME DEFENSE MINISTER. HE IS KNOWN AS A COMPETENT, DEPENDABLE, PROFESSIONAL NAVAL OFFICER WITHOUT SPECIAL INTEREST IN POLITICS.

--MINISTER OF JUSTICE:

ZENHA, DR. FRANCISCO SALGADO-CIVILIAN, AGE 52, ZENHAS HAS BEEN JUSTICE MINISTER IN ALL POST-COUP GOVERNMENTS. HE WAS ONE OF THREE FOUNDERS OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY, AND NOW IS ON ITS SECRETARIAT. A PROMINENT OPPOSITIONIST UNDER THE OLD REGIME, HE WAS ARRESTED FIVE TIMES. HE IS A MODERATE SOCIALIST, OUTSPOKEN IN DEFENSE OF CIVIL LIBERTIES, AND FRIENDLY TO AMERICANS. HE HAS A DAUGHTER IN THE WASHINGTON, DC AREA WHOM HE FREQUENTLY VISITS. HE TOOK THE LEAD IN ATTACKING THE AFM AND THE COMMUNISTS OVER THE MATTER OF A SINGLE LABOR CONFEDERATION.

--. MINISTER OF TRANSPORTANT COMMUNICATIONS:

OLIVEIRA, ENG. ALVARO AUGUSTO VEIGA DE -CIVILIAN, AGE 46, A CIVIL ENGINEER, AND A COMMUNIST PARTY FUNCTIONARY SERVING WITH THE PCP LISBON ORGANIZATION. IN 1954 HE JOINED THE PCP. FROM 1956-7 HE WAS AN EMPLOYEE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS MINISTRY, FROM WHICH HE WAS DISMISSED ON POLITICAL GROUNDS IN 1957. THE FOLLOWING YEAR HE WENT CLANDESTINE. FROM 1958-1962 HE LIVED IN BRAZIL WHERE HE WAS ACTIVE ON BEHALF OF THE PARTY AMONG PORTUGUESE EMIGRANTS. ON HIS RETURN TO PORTUGAL IN 1962 HE BECAME A PARTY FUNCTIONARY. THE PIDE ARRESTED HIM IN 1965, AND IN JUNE 1965 HE WAS RELEASED. FROM HIS RELEASE UNTIL THE END OF 1974 HE WORKED AS A CIVIL CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER. HE WAS A PCP OBSERVER AT THE SEPTEMBER 1974 EFTA MEETING IN GENEVA, AND A PARTICIPANT IN THE A PCP/SPONSORED CONFERENCE OF NATIONAL UNITARY WORKERS IN LISBON ON FEB. 2, 1975. EXCEPT FOR HIS BRIEF EMPLOYMENT WITH THE GOVERNMENT 17 YEARS AGO, HE APPARENTLY HAS HAD NO BUREAUCRATIC OR ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE. CONFIDENTIAL

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--MINISTER OF INTERTERRITORIAL COORDINATION:

SANTOS, ANTONIO DE ALMEIDA-CIVILIAN. MINISTER ALMEIDA SANTOS IS ONE OF THE FEW MINISTERS TO SURVIVE FOUR GOVERNMENTAL CHANGES SINCE APRIL 25, 1974. SANTOS WAS BORN IN 1926 AND OBTAINED A LAW DEGREE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF COIMBRA IN 1950 BEFORE STARTING A VERY SUCCESSFUL LAW PRACTICE IN MOZAMBIQUE. DURING HIS 20 YEARS IN LOURENCO MARQUES, HE CONSISTENTLY OPPOSED GOP AFRICAN POLICIES AND OPENLY CRITICIZED LISBON WHILE DEFENDING BLACK AND WHITE POLITICAL DISSIDENTS. ALTHOUGH FRANK AND FRIENDLY WITH AMERICANS, SANTOS IS PUZZLED BY US POLICY TOWARDS PORTUGAL AND THE EX-COLONIES. ON THE DOMESTIC SCENE, SANTOS IS AN INDEPENDENT-MINDED DEMOCRAT WHO BELIEVES THE US IS NOT EXERCISING ITS FULL INFLUENCE TO HALT LEFTWARD SWING BY "IDEALISTS." IN AFRICA, SANTOS DOES NOT UNDERSTAND WHY

THE US DOES NOT STEMP IN WITH MEANINGFUL AND TIMELY AID TO THE FORMER PORTUGUESE COLONIES. SHOULD HE LEAVE THE GOP, SANTOS WOULD PROBABLY REMAIN IN PORTUGAL WITH HIS WIFE AND FIVE CHILDREN.

--MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL TRADE:

LOPES, DR. JOSE DA SILVA, -CIVILIAN, AGE 43. AN ECONOMIST, HE HAS BEEN IN GOVERNMENTAL ECONOMIC TEAM SINCE THE FIRST PALMA CARLOS GOVERNMENT WHEN HE WAS APPOINTED SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FINANCE. IN JULY 1974 PRIME MINISTER GONCALVES SELECTED HIM FOR MINISTER OF FINANCE, A POSITION WHICH HE HELD UP UNTIL THIS MOST RECENT CABINET CHANGE. HE IS NOT ASSOCIATED WITH ANY POLITICAL PARTY, AND IS REGARDED AS A MODERATE, COMPETENT TECHNOCRAT. HE HAS BEEN VERY FRIENDLY AND COOPERATIVE WITH THIS EMBASSY IN MOVING THE AID PROGRAM FORWARD.

--MINISTER OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS:

BORGES, DR. JORGE DE CARVALHO SA -CIVILIAN, AGE 40. LAWYER, AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE PPD POLITICAL COMMITTEE (SECOND MAND IN THE PART AFTER SECRETARY-GENERAL SA CARNEIRO). HE IS CONSIDERED TO BE THE LEADER OF THE PARTY'S LEFT WING. SA BORGES WAS A STUDENT LEADER AT THE LISBON LAW FACULTY, FROM WHICH HE GRADATED IN 1961, AND A FORMER PRESIDENT AND FOUNDER OF THE LIBERAL TECHNOCRATIC GROUP KNOWN AS SEDES. HE WAS AN OPPOSITION CANDIDATE FOR CONFIDENTIAL

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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY IN 1969. A PROFRESSIVE CAHTOLIC, HE SERVED TWO TERMS IN PIDE JAILS (1963 AND 1967) FOR HIS OPPOSITIONIST ACTIVITIES. HE HAS HAD NO EXPERIENCE IN GOVERNMENT AND LITTLE AS AN ADMINISTRATOR. HE REPLACED DR. MARIA LURDES PINTASILGO, A CATHOLIC PROGRESSIVE INDEPENDENT.

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MINISTER OF LABOR:

--MARTINS, CAPT. JOSE INACIO DA COSTA-MILITARY. AN AIR FORCE

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CAPTAIN WITH MILITARY ACADEMY EDUCATION: VAIN; TECHNICALLY
OUT OF HIS DEPTH, A FACT WHICH HE IS COMING TO REALIZE;
POLITICALLY UNSOPHISTICATED BUT WITH POPULIST ORIENTATION;
HAS KEPT STAFF APPOINTED BY FORMER MINISTER OF LABOR, A
COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBER, AND IS SOME TIMES MANEUVERED
BY THEM. HE HAS LOST HIS GLAMOROUS FIGHTER-PILOT IMAGE DUE
TO HIS INEFFECTUAL ROLE RUNNING MINISTRY. UNDER HIS
DIRECTION MINISTRY HAS COMPILED MIXED RECORDS IN DEALING WITH
FOREIGN BUSINESSES AND A PARTISAN ROLE FAVORING INTERSINDICAL.
HE HAS JUST COMPLETED VISITS TO SWEDEN, UK, AND IS NOW IN
THE USSR.

MINISTER OF INTERNAL ADMINISTRATION: METELO, ARMY MAJOR ANTONIO CARLOS DE MAGALHAES ARNAO (MILITARY)--IS UNKNWON TO US. HE WAS BORN IN ANGOLA (PAIVA DE ANDRADE) ON MAY 17, 1938; ATTENDED MILITARY COLLEGE IN LISBON, STUDIED ENGINEERING. SERVED IN SEVERAL COLONIES: MILITARY ENGINEERING COMMANDER IN CAPE VERDE, MIL. ENG. COMPANY COMMANDER IN MOZAMBIQUE; WAS NAMED AFM DELEGATE IN TIMOR AFTER APRIL 25 COUP, SERVING FROM JULY TO SEPT. AS CHIEF OF STAFF FOR TIMOR MILITARY COMMAND. NAMED TO CABINET OF ARMED FORCES CHIEF OF STAFF AFTER RETURN TO LISBON.

MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE: SILVA, ARMY. MAJOR JOSE EMILIO DA (MILITARY)--WAS BORN ON JUNE 14, 1940. STUDIED AT MILITARY ACADEMY FROM 1959-1966, RECEIVING DEGREE THAT YEAR IN CIVIL ENGINEERING. NAMED TO ANGOLA JUNTA AT TIME IT WAS ESTABLISHED (JULY 1974), STAYING ON IT UNTIL ITS DISSOLUTION IN NOVEMBER. WAS SWORN IN ONE WEEK AGO (MARCH 18) AS HEAD OF TELEVISION NETWORK (RTP), A POSITION WE ASSUME HE WILL NOW ABANDON.

--MINISTER OF PUBLIC SERVICES AND ENVIRONMENT (NO CHANGE): FERNANDES, COL. JOSE AGUSUTO (MILITARY)--A MILITARY FIGURE WHO HAD NOT BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH AFM AT TIME OF NAMING TO POST IN SECOND PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT (JULY 1974). FERNANDES WAS BORN ON JULY 6, 1920, IS A CIVIL ENGINEER, AND HAS QENT MOST OF HIS MILITARY CAREER IN DUTIES ASSOCIATED WITH RAILROADS. HE WAS IN GUINEA IN 1962-63 AND IN ANGOLA IN 1969-70. DURING FERNANDES' INCUMBENCY HIS MINISTRY HAS HAD THE REPUTATION OF BEING POLITICALLY MODERATE.

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--MINISTER OF MASS COMMUNICATION (NO CHANGE): JESUINO, COMMANDER JORGE CORREIA (MILITARY--WAS BORN ON JANUARY 28, 1934. JESUINO HAS BEEN A CLOSE COLLABORATOR OF ADMIRAL ROSA COUNTINHO AND, ON BASIS HIS STATEMENTS WHILE SERVING UNDER COUTINHO IN ANGOLA, CAME TO LISBON WITH REPUTATION OF A LEFTIST HIGHLY SENSITIVE TO CRITICISM BY THE PRESS. THIS REPUTATION WAS REINFORCED BY COMMENTS MADE WHEN SWORN IN TO PRESENT ASSIGNMENT. (BASIC BIO CONTAINED IN LISBON 967 AND LUANDA 242. SEE ALSO LISBON 1319.)

2 . 21 MEMBER CABINET LINE-UP NOW LOOKS LIKE THIS:

8 MILITARY, 13 CIVILIAN INCLUDING:

3 INDEPENDENTS

2 PC PLUS ONE POSSIBLE

3 MDP

2 PS

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3. OF THE MILITARY, SILVANO RIBEIRO, AND JESUINO ARE KNOWN AS ADM. COUTINHO'S ALLIES. ANTUNES IS LINKED TO MILITARY MODERATES AND TO COUNTINHO. COSTA MARTINS IS SUBJEC TO CONSIDER-ABLE PCP INFLUENCE BUT IS NOT NECESSARILY ASSOCIATED CLOSELY WITH THE PCP AND ITS ALLIES. METELO IS REPUTED TO BE A MODERATE AS IS FERNANDES.

4. THE THREE INDEPENDENTS INCLUDE TWO KNOWN MODERATES, ALMEIDA SANTOS AND SILVA LOPES, AND ONE LEFTIST, CRAVINHO, WHO CAN BE EXPECTED TO BE PRAGMATIC ON DOMESTIC ISSUES AND REASONABLY CO-OPERATIVE ON INTERNATIONAL ISSUES OF CONCERN TO US.

5. PPD AND PS MINISTER WLL TAKE MODERATE POSITIONS DOMESTICALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY.

6. MDP IS VERY CLOSE TO PCP AND HAS IN PAST CARRIED THE SWORD FOR THE PCP ON ISSUES WHERE THE PCP DID NOT WISH TO GET OUT FRONT. MDP IS ALMOST CERTAIN TO CONTINUE HAND IN HAND COOPERATION WITH PCP.

7. ALTHOUGH PERCENTAGE OF MILITARY IN NEW CABINET HAS DROPPED FROM 47 PERCENT TO 38 PERCENT, THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT MILITARY INFLUENCE HAS IN ANY WAY DIMINISHED. ON CONTRARY, LEGISLATIVE CONFIDENTIAL

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POWERS FORMERLY HELD BY CABINET HAVE GONE TO REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL AND REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL HAS FINAL SAY ON EVERYTHING.

8. NEVERTHELESS, CABINET SHOULD NOT BE DOWNGRADED EXCESSIVELY AS IT HAS OPERATIVE ROLE IN DAY-TO-DAY ADMINISTRATIVE OF GOVERNMENT.

9. PS LOST OUT ON MOST OF THE ISSUES OVER WHICH IT FOUGHT CONCERNING COMPOSITION OF CABINET--INCLUDING HAVING NON-PCP ASSOCIATED MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RETAINING OF COSTA BRAS. ALSO PS STANDS TO LOSE A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF SUB-CABINET JOBS, WHERE IT HELD MORE POSITIONS IN PREVIOUS CABINET THAN ANY OTHER PARTY.

10. RETURN OF MDP TO CABINET AND ADDITION TO ANOTHER PCP MEMBER (AND POSSIBLY A THIRD) MARK EXPECTED SHIFT LEFTWARD FROM PREVIOUS CABINETS. ADDITIONAL MINISTRIES GIVEN TO COMMUNIST MINISTERS LIKELY TO EXTEND PCP INFLUENCE IN AGRICULTURE AND COMMUNICATIONS.

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